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Great Falls, MT



## FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS!

## Membership Benefits

**Your membership in Montana Rural Water Systems brings you and your system many valuable benefits:**

The training of Water and Wastewater system personnel through workshops and direct technical assistance in the field holds the highest priority for MRWS. At least twenty workshops are held throughout the state each year. Our staff strives to plan these workshops where the need exists and on topics of importance to the system personnel. Input from systems is an important part of our planning process.

Our Circuit Riders travel year 'round, visiting systems throughout the state and providing answers to your technical assistance questions. You can request a technical assistance visit whenever you have a problem, and if it is an emergency we will strive to have someone on-site within 24 hours.

Your membership in the state association automatically makes you a member of the National Rural Water Association. The National Association provides many benefits to our members including the publication of a quarterly magazine keeping us aware of water related issues at the Federal level.

All members are eligible to purchase Directors & Officers liability insurance for the Board of Directors, and Plant liability insurance at a greatly reduced cost.

A reference library of technical information is maintained in the MRWS office. The library also includes many videos that are available for systems to check out on request.

A bi-yearly newsletter is published by the state association for your information. The newsletter helps us keep you informed of the latest developments in financing, state regulations, federal guidelines, new operational techniques and the activities of MRWS.

The MRWS Legislative Committee acts on your behalf and keeps us informed on matters affecting Water & Wastewater systems, so we can pass that information on to all members.

## Is MRWS A Regulatory Agency?

**No!** Montana Rural Water Systems, Inc. is an association of water and wastewater systems within the state of Montana and those Systems Operations Specialists responsible for the day to day operations.

We are not connected with the state agencies. We do, however, work with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, City-County Health Departments, DNRC, USDA, Rural Development, EPA, and any other agencies that can provide help to our member systems.

*We do not want to control your system  
— We want to help you control it.*

This is accomplished through formal training sessions, on-site training & technical assistance, and other services provided by MRWS.

## About MRWS

### Who We Are:

Montana Rural Water Systems, Inc. is a non-profit association of Rural Water Districts, Homeowner's Associations, Cities & Towns, Mobile Home Parks, Schools, and Campgrounds throughout the state.

### What We Do:

We offer training and technical assistance to small Water & Wastewater systems throughout our state. We have a Training Specialist who sets up training workshops and provides technical assistance. The Water Circuit Rider's, along with the Wastewater Technician, travel throughout the state providing information and technical assistance to those responsible for proper maintenance and operation of the system. The Source Water Specialist provides help and assistance in developing "Source Water Protection Plans" for communities.

Our workshops are set up based on the needs of the systems and include training on various system maintenance and operational procedures, and on rules & regulations to help systems to maintain compliance.

# Montana Rural Water Systems, Inc.

**People Committed to Helping Small  
Water & Wastewater Systems!**



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**Fill out Your Membership Form &**

**Join MRWS Today!**

**"Dedicated to Safe Drinking  
Water For All Montanans"**

**Serving The Water &  
Wastewater Systems of the  
Treasure State Since 1979.**



## Welcome!

Welcome to an informational package giving a brief description of who and what Montana Rural Water Systems, Inc. is all about. This brochure describes the dedicated staff and gives a brief description of the various programs available through the association.

The staff and Directors of Montana Rural Water Systems, Inc. hope to assist you with any problems or questions concerning your utility. We are dedicated to working together in solving problems concerning Safe Drinking Water and Quality Effluent discharges.

So let us assist you!

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## Help & Contacts

### Who Can Receive Help?

If you are a Water or Wastewater System that meets the criteria to be a public water system and are regulated by MT-DEQ or EPA, then you are eligible for our services.

If you are a system operations specialist, a clerk, a bookkeeper, a board member, an administrator, the Mayor or any other employee of a small water or wastewater system, our services are available to you at no cost.

### Who Do I Contact If I Have A Problem?

MRWS has an office located at 925 7th Avenue South in Great Falls, MT. Office hours are from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. You can contact the office with any questions or to request on-site assistance. The office will contact the appropriate staff member to return your call or schedule a technical assistance visit.

At the present time, our services are offered to all Water & Wastewater Systems at no charge or obligation. We can offer more services to those systems that are members, and member systems have priority.

### Who Administers The MRWS Program?

Administrative policies are decided by the voting delegates of each member system. A Board of Directors made up of nine volunteers from separate systems throughout the state, oversee the operation of the MRWS programs and act as an intermediary between the MRWS staff and the member systems. All policies for the program operation are established by the Board of Directors, which at present time meets quarterly.

### How Are The Board Members Selected?

The members are elected by voting delegates from a group of nominees from member systems of MRWS, recommended by the nominating committee. The election takes place at each Annual Meeting.

"It is by teaching that we teach ourselves, by relating that we observe, by affirming that we examine, by showing that we look, by writing that we think, by pumping that we draw water into the well." - Henri-Frederic Amiel (1821-81), Swiss philosopher, poet.

## How Do I Join Up?

Membership Applications are available on our website: [www.mrws.org](http://www.mrws.org)

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Contact the office at 406-454-1151 and an application form will be mailed to you.

### Water & Wastewater Systems MRWS Annual Dues Structure

Transient & Non-Transient Systems	— \$ 50.00
0—50 Hook-ups or less	----- \$100.00
51—150 Hook-ups	----- \$150.00
151—500 Hook-ups	----- \$200.00
501 or more Hook-ups	----- \$250.00

### MRWS Associate Member Dues (Eg. Suppliers, Labs, Engineers)

All Associate Members ----- \$200.00

## Goals

### MRWS Strives to Meet the Following

#### Goals:

1. To help insure an adequate supply of safe drinking water for all Montanans.
2. To assist water/wastewater systems in meeting all state & federal regulations and to comply with the Safe Drinking Water & Clean Water Acts.
3. To help train and inform managers, operators, bookkeepers, board members, and city & town officials so that the operation and management of individual water/wastewater systems can be improved.
4. Conduct 15 plus training sessions annually for operators and decision makers. (no charge for training sessions)
5. To assist water/wastewater systems in securing adequate financing to build new systems or expand and/or improve existing systems.



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**2013 Legislative Report  
From July 2011 – December 2012**

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**Technical Assistance**

Seventy-seven (77) systems were provided technical assistance to meet regulatory compliance with their Lead & Copper violations, Surface Water Treatment Rule, Consumer Confidence Report, and Total Coliform violations. Some of these systems were under DEQ/PWS Enforcement actions such as: **(Town of Jordan, Brady County Water District, Town of Denton, Carter/Chouteau Water District, and Hidden Lake Colony).**

**Training Sessions**

Small system group training was provided for ground and surface water treatment plants. Training topics included chemicals (metals & organics), total coliforms, chlorine monitoring, disinfection by-products, new regulations, and state monitoring reports. This also includes educational exam prep training for new operators.

**Emergencies**

**City of White Sulphur Springs** – June 2012 Tornado

**City of Libby** – Surface Water Treatment Rule Violation – Water Treatment Plant Problems

**Town of Denton** – Assisted Mayor and new operator with water and wastewater compliance issue and operational procedures.

**Montana Rural Water Systems Annual Conference**

Over 1000 attendees and 300 systems are represented at each year's conference. This is the largest water/wastewater conference in Montana and the Pacific NW.

**H2O- News -4 -You**

3 newsletter publications were provided to over 800 operators in Montana.

**Off-site technical assistance**

Received over 100 phone calls which provided assistance to operators and engineers throughout Montana.

**Future Projects**

Annual Rural Water Conference – February 2013

Newsletters – (H2O-News-4-You)

Continue with Training Sessions & Technical Assistance

# Montana State Legislature

**2013 Session**

**Exhibit: 15**

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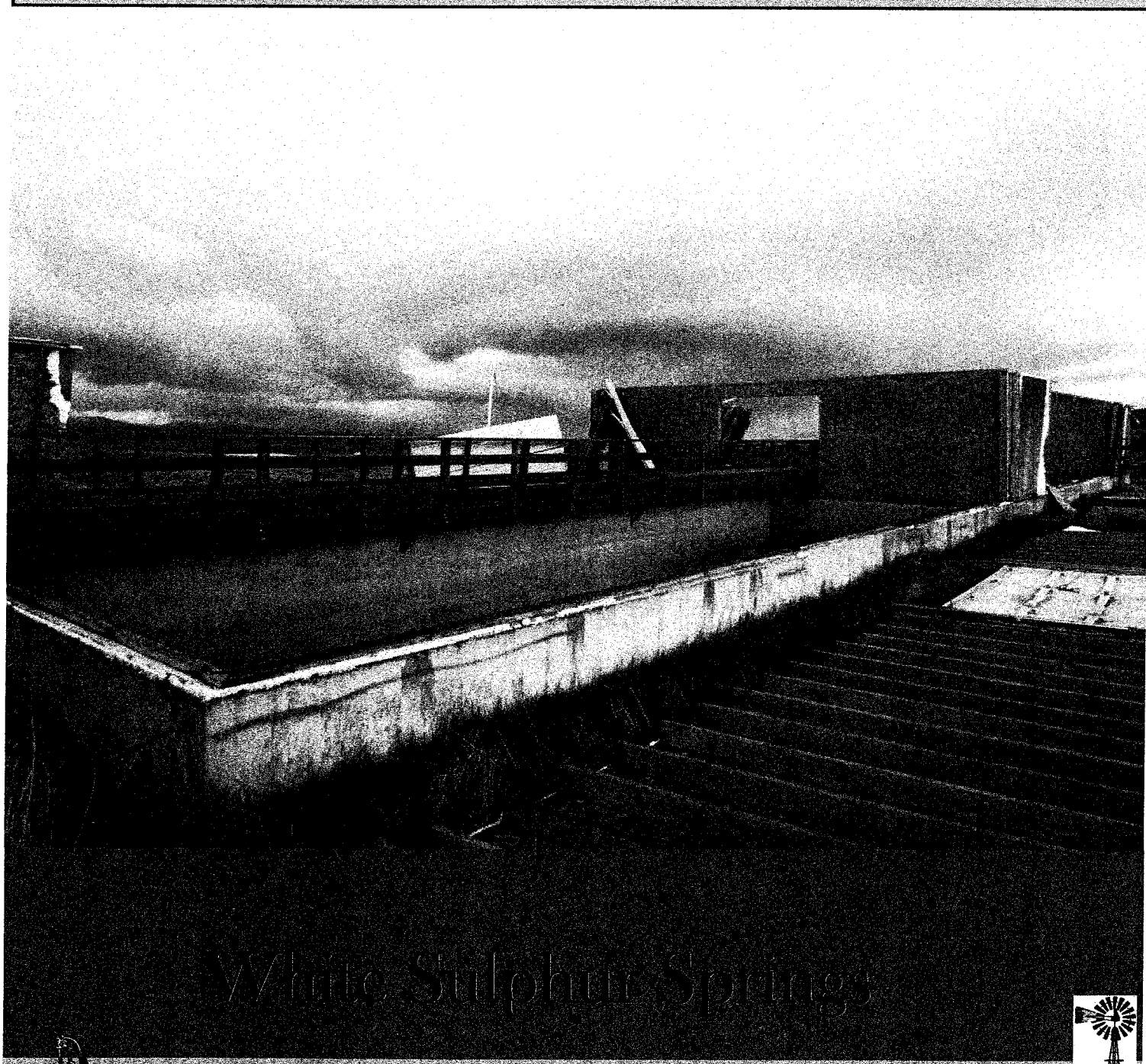
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Montana Rural Water Systems, Inc.  
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White Sulphur Springs



**Training, Technical Assistance, & Regulatory Information**

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by Montana Environmental Training Center

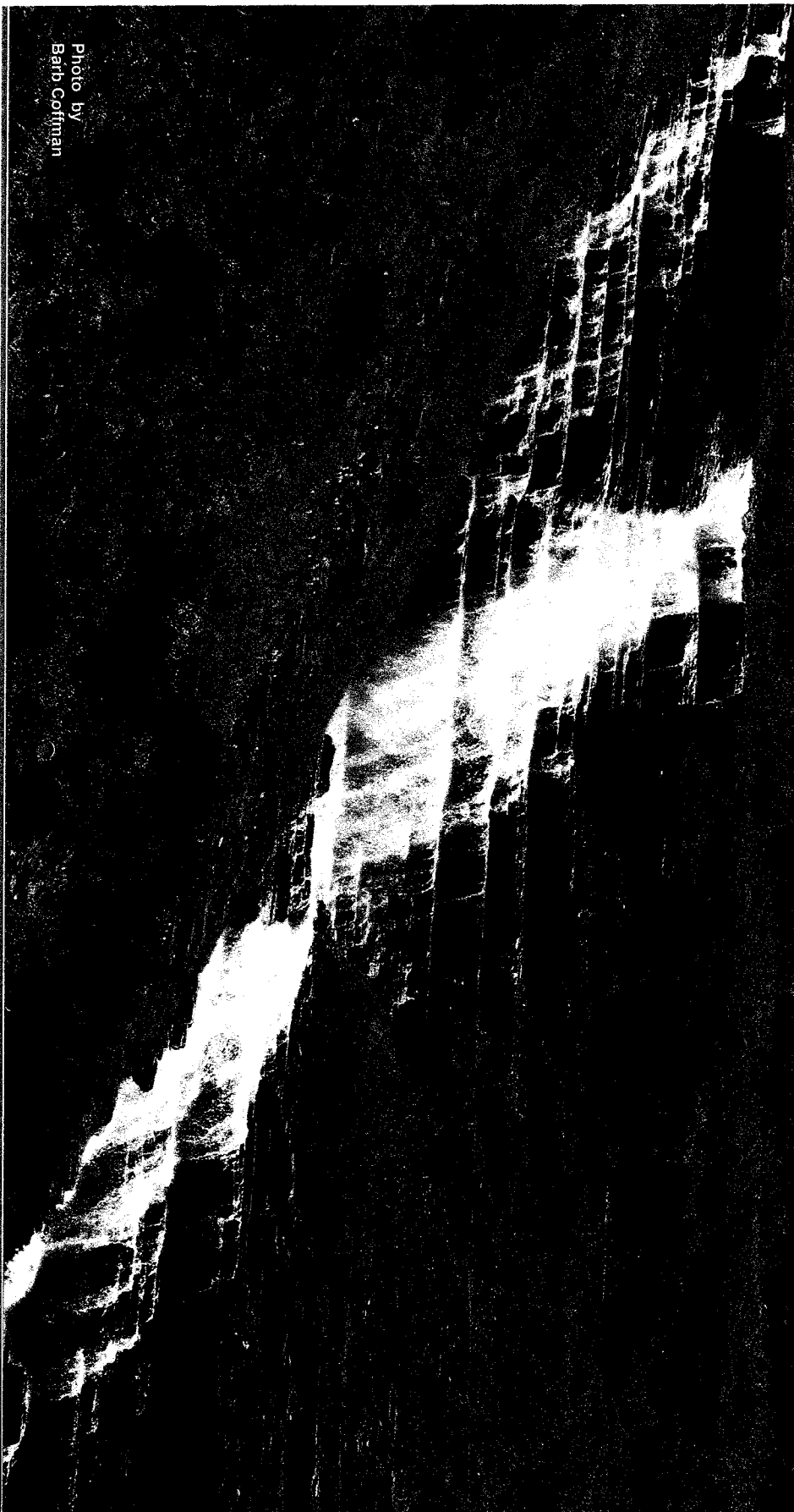


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